

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SERGIO DE LA CRUZ,

No. C 13-01442 YGR (PR)

Petitioner,

**ORDER GRANTING *IN FORMA*
PAUPERIS STATUS AND DIRECTING
RESPONDENT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY
THE PETITION SHOULD NOT BE
GRANTED**

vs.

P. D. BRAZELTON, Warden,

Respondent.

Petitioner, a state prisoner, has filed this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner also seeks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. It does not appear from the face of the petition that it is without merit. Good cause appearing, the Court hereby issues the following orders:

1. Petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED.
2. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order and the petition and all attachments thereto upon Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this Order on Petitioner at his current address.
3. Respondent shall file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner, within **sixty (60) days** of the issuance of this Order, an Answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued. Respondent shall file with the Answer a copy of all portions of the relevant state records that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition.
4. If Petitioner wishes to respond to the Answer, he shall do so by filing a Traverse with the Court and serving it on Respondent within **sixty (60) days** of his receipt of the Answer. Should Petitioner fail to do so, the petition will be deemed submitted and ready for decision **sixty (60) days** after the date Petitioner is served with Respondent's Answer.
5. Respondent may file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner, within **sixty (60) days** of the issuance of this Order, a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an Answer, as set

1 forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If
2 Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an
3 opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion within **sixty (60) days** of receipt of the
4 motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within **fourteen**
5 **(14) days** of receipt of any opposition.

6 6. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner must keep the Court
7 and Respondent informed of any change of address and must comply with the Court's orders in a
8 timely fashion. Pursuant to Northern District Local Rule 3-11 a party proceeding *pro se* whose
9 address changes while an action is pending must promptly file a notice of change of address
10 specifying the new address. *See* L.R. 3-11(a). The Court may dismiss without prejudice a complaint
11 when: (1) mail directed to the *pro se* party by the Court has been returned to the Court as not
12 deliverable, and (2) the Court fails to receive within sixty days of this return a written
13 communication from the *pro se* party indicating a current address. *See* L.R. 3-11(b); *see also*
14 *Martinez v. Johnson*, 104 F.3d 769, 772 (5th Cir. 1997) (Rule 41(b) applicable in habeas cases).

15 Petitioner must also serve on Respondent's counsel all communications with the Court by
16 mailing a true copy of the document to Respondent's counsel.

17 7. Extensions of time are not favored, though reasonable extensions will be granted.
18 Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than **fourteen (14) days** prior to the
19 deadline sought to be extended.

20 8. This Order terminates Docket No. 4.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 DATED: October 22, 2013


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE